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See new info below under IV watershed management

Others may also have some updates to the topic.

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I. Community Outreach

EPA and its partner federal, state, and local agencies have announced the next community engagement meeting for residents on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at the Highlands, Texas community center. The meeting will focus on the completion of the recent Removal Action to stabilize the dioxin site; further site investigations, and related water issues. EPA staff will also participate in the September Community Awareness Committee with Harris Co. officials.



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II. Source Stabilization

On September 2, respondents submitted a draft final report on construction activities for the time critical removal action at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site for review and approval by the EPA. The draft document is currently under review by the EPA and is anticipated to be completed by September 30, 2011.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

The Respondents are currently implementing the field sampling plans for the Fate & Transport Model Study, including the collection of upstream sediment load and current velocity data. Data for the low river flow condition has been collected. However, data collection for the high river flow conditions is waiting on a high river flow event. Soil samples from residential properties were recently collected from both the east and west sides of the San Jacinto River near the site within the floodplain. The samples were analyzed for dioxins. Finally, the EPA, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and other agencies met with the respondents regarding additional sampling in the southern impoundment, and the final sampling program is now being developed.

IV. Watershed Management

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the TCEQ. The port and EPA will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the exchange of data to further investigate the SJRWP site and will inform communities in the area. EPA met with the Corps in June and requested data for dredged material deposited on properties near the local communities. TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

EPA received a letter dated September 15, 2011 from Air Alliance who represents the communities. The letter asked for additional information on a variety of topics with regard to the placement of dredged material into the Clinton site, the House-Stimson Tract, and the Glendale Tract. On October 21, 2011, EPA responded to Air Alliance regarding the question asking for clarification on two regulations (CWA Section 404 and MPRSA) that pertain to the disposal of dredged material. EPA directed Air Alliance to the Port of Houston Authority for questions regarding groundwater monitoring and protection, end use of DMPAs and neighborhood integrity. to TCEQ for questions on state certification of federal permits, and to the USACE for questions on dredged material testing and bioaccumulation. EPA is still awaiting data from the USACE for dredged material deposited on properties near the local communities.

Air Alliance also enclosed a DVD titled The Truth About DMPAs. EPA made

copies and distributed to TCEQ, Port of Houston Authority, USACE, R6 Superfund and R6 Environmental Justice.

V. Enforcement

The potentially responsible party (PRP) group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. With regards to the time-critical removal action, respondents have finished the capping work and have submitted the final report as required by the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). Respondents continue to work towards resolving the outstanding issue of stipulated penalties resulting from prior noncompliance with the AOC.

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